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SENATE BILL 260  
State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 3/17/21

Short Title: Mooresville TDA/Monroe Remote Meeting Ch. (Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 15, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MOORESVILLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS FOR REMOTE MEETINGS OF PUBLIC BODIES DURING CERTAIN DECLARATIONS OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF MONROE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Chapter 296 of the 1991 Session Laws, as amended by Section 2 of S.L. 1999-258, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 2. Travel and Tourism Authority. (a) Appointment and membership. After the Town of Mooresville adopts a resolution levying an occupancy tax under this act, it shall also adopt a resolution creating a Travel and Tourism Authority, which shall be a public authority under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The membership of the Authority shall consist of: ~~two members~~ one member representing the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce; ~~two-three~~ three members representing the motel or travel and tourism industry; one member representing sites and attractions that increase the use of lodging, meeting, or convention facilities in the area or attract tourists or business travelers to the area; one member appointed by the Mooresville Town Board; and one member of the Mooresville Town Board. The resolution shall provide for terms of office, and for the filling of vacancies on the Authority. The Mooresville Town Board shall designate one voting member of the Authority as chair and shall determine the compensation, if any, to be paid to members of the Authority. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Mooresville Town Board. The resolution required by this subsection may, from time to time, be amended as the Mooresville Town Board of Commissioners may determine, provided such amendments are consistent with the provisions of this act.

The Authority shall meet at the call of the chair and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings. The rules of procedure shall include those rules of membership and attendance that pertain to other boards and committees appointed by the Town Board to the extent such rules are consistent with the provisions of this act. The Finance Officer for the Town of Mooresville shall be the ex officio finance officer of the Authority.

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**SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 166A-19.24 reads as rewritten:

"§ 166A-19.24. Remote meetings during certain declarations of emergency.

(a) Remote Meetings. – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon issuance of a declaration of emergency under ~~G.S. 166A-19.20,~~ G.S. 166A-19.20 or G.S. 166A-19.22, any public body within the emergency area may conduct remote meetings in accordance with this section and Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes throughout the duration of that



1 declaration of emergency. It is presumed that a remote meeting is open to the public so long as a  
2 public body has complied with the requirements of this section.

3 (b) Requirements. – The public body shall comply with all of the following with respect  
4 to remote meetings conducted under this section:

5 (1) The public body shall give proper notice under G.S. 143-318.12 and under  
6 any other requirement for notice applicable to the public body. The notice  
7 shall also specify the means by which the public can access the remote  
8 meeting as that remote meeting occurs. Provided, however, after the public  
9 body has provided notice for an in-person meeting, if one or more members  
10 will participate remotely, the public body shall amend the notice to include  
11 the means whereby members of the public may access the remote meeting.  
12 The notice may be amended no fewer than six hours prior to the start of the  
13 meeting.

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15 (e) Public Hearings. – A public body may conduct any public hearing required or  
16 authorized by law during a remote meeting, and take ~~action thereon,~~ action, provided the public  
17 body allows for written comments on the subject of the public hearing to be submitted between  
18 publication of any required notice and 24 hours ~~after~~ before the scheduled start of the public  
19 meeting when the public hearing-hearing is scheduled to be held.

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21 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies only to  
22 the City of Monroe.

23 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
24 law.